

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1 and 21 as follows:

1. An apparatus for detecting the presence or position of an ophthalmic product in a container, comprising:

(a) source of electromagnetic energy located relative to the container to direct electromagnetic energy at the container;

(b) a non-imaging detector disposed relative to the container and the source to detect electromagnetic energy from the source which passes through or is reflected by the product and the container; and

(c) a processor for determining the presence or position of the product in the container responsive to fluorescence, absorption or reflection of the electromagnetic energy by the product.

21. A method for detecting the presence or position of an ophthalmic product in a container, the product including a media which fluoresces, absorbs or reflects the electromagnetic energy of a frequency in a specified range, the method comprising:

(a) directing electromagnetic energy at the product and the container;

(b) detecting, without imaging, the absence of or reduction in electromagnetic energy of a frequency in a specified range which passes through or is reflected by the product and the container; and

(c) processing the detected electromagnetic energy to determine the presence or position of the product in the container.